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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study by ASSOCHAM has revealed that India lags far behind the rest of world in the field of vocational training;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith other suggestions given by the ASSOCHAM; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make vocational courses more popular?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): According to a press release dated 26.1.2007 by ASSOCHAM, only 2% student's population in the age group 15-25 are enrolled in Vocational Education and Training every year in India against 80% in Europe and 60% in East Asian nations like Malaysia, Korea and Taiwan. The release suggests that India needs to create institutions that impart vocational education and training, rather than focussing on setting up of conventional educational Centres.

(c): Existing Vocational courses are modified/updated/substituted and new vocational courses are added depending on the felt needs of the economy.